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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES

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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SEC'ARY MAYNES' DISCUSSIONS IN CAIRO

REFS: (A) STATE 167608, (B) MAYNES-EILTS LTR OF 8/1/77

1. MEMCONS OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH DIRECTOR MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT NABIL EL ARABY AND AMBASSADOR HUSNI WERE NOT COVERED IN PREVIOUS MEMCON SINCE PRINCIPAL POINTS WITH ARABY WERE COVERED IN REF A AND DISCUSSIONS WITH HUSNI TOOK PLACE MAINLY AT LUNCH AND AFTER LUNCH. DRAFT MEMCON PREPARED AT TIME FOLLOW:

2. MULTILATERAL TREATY MAKING PROGRESS. MAYNES SAID DEPARTMENT AWARE OF AUSTRALIAN INITIATIVE AND U.S. SHARES CONCERN THAT RECENT TREATY MAKING ATTEMPTS HAVE PROCEEDED SLOWLY AND OFTEN NOT HAD GENERAL SUPPORT AT END OF PROCESS. U.S. WOULD GIVE THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION TO REVIEW PROPOSALS. ARABY SAID GOE EXPECTS TO CO-SPONSOR AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL ALONG WITH SRI LANKA AND MEXICO AND PROBABLY KENYA AND YUGOSLAVIA. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN 17 OR 18 ITEMS ON 31ST
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UNGA AGENDA ON CONCLUDING AGREEMENTS AND THAT THIS HAD CAUSED GRAVE DIFFICULTIES FOR SMALL COUNTRIES WHO HAVE LIMITED HUMAN RESOURCES. MAYNES SUGGESTED THAT ONE ANSWER MIGHT BE "REPRESENTATIVE DIPLOMACY" SUCH AS TOOK PLACE IN CIEC. ARABY SAID DILEMMA WAS HOW SMALL COUNTRIES COULD "BOTH HAVE A VOICE AND NOT BE OVERWHELMED."

3. SUCCESSION OF STATES. MAYNES SAID THAT U.S. SUPPORTS CONCLUSION OF TREATY REGARDING EFFECT OF SUCCESSION OF STATES AND WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT APRIL 1977 CONFERENCE DID NOT COMPLETE ITS WORK. ARABY SAID THAT ARTICLE 12 OF PROPOSED TREATY IS GOE'S MAIN INTEREST BECAUSE OF TREATIES REGULATING SUEZ CANAL AND NILE WATERS. EGYPT WOULD SUPPORT ARTICLE 12 WITHOUT AMENDMENTS.

4. LAW OF THE SEA. MAYNES SAID THERE IS GROWING CONCERN IN U.S. WHETHER OR NOT LOS TREATY IS GOING TO BE ACHIEVED. AS RESULT, THERE IS GROWING PRESSURE IN CONGRESS FOR UNILATERAL ACTION. HE SAID U.S. HAS TRIED TO BE ACCOMMODATING AND OFFERED TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR EXPLOITATION OF DEEP-SEABED, BUT IF NO PROGRESS ACHIEVED, U.S. WILL WANT TO GO AHEAD EVEN THOUGH ADMINISTRATION OPPOSES SUCH ACTION IF IT WOULD JEOPARDIZE TREATY. ARABY SAID ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE TO FINALIZE ALL PARTS OF TREATY POSSIBLE AND THEN HAVE MORE THAN ONE CONVENTION FOR PARTIES TO APPROVE. GOE HAS, IN ANY CASE, ALREADY ACCEPTED TO GO TO GENEVA IN MARCH FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID DIFFERENCES IN LOS CONFERENCE WERE SAME AS IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND GOE BELIEVES THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WILL REALIZE THEY MUST CONCEDE ON CERTAIN PRINCIPLES. MAYNES SAID U.S. HAD TRIED TO TAKE LDC VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT BY OFFERING PARALLEL SYSTEMS AND ACCEPTING REVIEW OF DEEP-SEABED REGIME.

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5. DIARMAMENT. ONLY POINT THAT ARABY ADDED TO DISCUSSION WITH AMRE MOUSSA WAS THAT GOE DOES NOT WANT "LIMITATION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS" INCLUDED IN UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT UNTIL IT HAS REGAINED OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO DISCUSSION OF ALL ASPECTS OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS IF IT NOT LIMITED TO JUST ARMS TRADE. MAYNES SAID U.S. WAS VERY INTERESTED IN INCLUSION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AS WELL.

6. DISCUSSIONS WIT AMBASSADOR HUSNI ON ECONOMIC MATTERS. MAYNES OPINED THAT NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE WILL BE WITH US FOR MANY YEARS AND CRUCIAL QUESTION WAS HOW TO STUCTURE IT MOST EFFECITVELY. IN U.S. VIEW, CIEC TERMINATED AND WE NOW NEEDED MECHANISM TO CONTINUE HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS. HUSNY SAID IN PARIS G-19 OBJECTED TO CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS ONLY ON ENERGY IN CIEC, BUT NOT TO CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS ON ALL NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. FEELING WAS THAT IT WAS NOT EFFECTIVE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS IN A LARGE FORUM. SHAYKH YAMANI HAD FELT SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE ALTHOUGH OTHERS IN G-19 OBJECTED. THEY SAID G-19 HAD MANDATE TO TALK WITH G-8 BUT DO NOT HAVE MANDATE FROM G-77 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS. FURTHERMORE PROGRESS ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WERE VERY MARGINAL

FOR THE BETTER OFF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEREFORE, PARIS
DELAYED CONSIDERATION ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IN OTHER FORUMS.
G-77 WAS ALWAYS BEING TOLD NOT TO TAKE UP ISSUES IN OTHER
FORUMS, HUSNI SAID, BECAUSE "IT BEING DISCUSSED IN PARIS". HE
SUGGESTED DIALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE IN EXISTING UN FORUMS;
TRADE MATTERS IN UNCTAD, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN UNIDO,
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN UNDP, BUT NO FORUM EXISTS FOR ENERGY
MATTERS.

7. SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HUSNI SAID G-27 WILL BE MEETING IN
NEW YORK TO DETERMINE POSITION TO PRESENT TO GROUP OF 77.
HOW THE GROUP OF 77 WILL RELATE TO THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
IS NOT YET DETERMINED. MAYNES ASKED WHAT FORUM WAS BEST FOR
AN OVERVIEW OF PROBLEMS AND HUSNI SAID ONLY UNGA OR ECOSOC.
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MAYNES FELT THESE WERE BOTH TOO LARGE. VENEZUELA HAD
SUGGESTED 30-35 MEMBER COMMITTEE OF UNGA AND THE SWEDES A
SOMEWHAT LARGER COMMITTEE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WAS TO
REVITALIZE ECOSOC AND HAVE IT SET ASIDE PART OF YEAR TO DISCUSS
NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. MAIN CONCERN OF U.S. IS HOW AND WHERE
DEBATE CAN TAKE PLACE AND MAKE PROGRESS. HUSNI SAID THAT GOE
BELIEVED THAT CIEC HAD REALISTICALLY ACCOMPLISHED ABOUT AS
MUCH AS POSSIBLE. EVERYONE CONTINUES TO WANT DIALOGUE, BUT
HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT THERE WAS ONLY SMALL NUMBER OF
STATES PREPARED FOR THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE. ONE MAJOR
QUESTION WAS WHAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WOULD DO IN RESUMED
MEETING OF 31ST UNGA. MAYNES SAID SOVIETS DILEMMA WAS THEY
DEMAND RECOGNITION TO HAVE A SAY IN EVERYTHING, BUT ARE
RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED AND CONTRIBUTE. U.S. HAS MIXED
SIGNALS CONCERNING THEIR POSITION. HUSNI AGREED THAT SOVIETS
TEND TO BE SPECTATORS. MAYNES SAID THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
SHOULD ENCOURAGE SOVIETS TO PLAY GREATER ROLE IN UNDP AND
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WHICH REQUIRE PARTICIPATION IN CONVERTIBLE
CURRENCIES. SOVIETS ALSO NEED TO INCREASE TRADE AND TO BUY
MORE TROPICAL PRODUCTS. HUSNI POINTED OUT THAT SOVIETS'
REBUTTAL WAS "HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF COLONIAL COUNTRIES".
MAYNES THOUGHT THIS ARGUMENT WAS WEARING THIN. STRONGER
SOVIET ARGUMENT WOULD BE THAT THEY CONTROL LARGE AREAS OF
DEVELOPING WORLD WITHIN USSR. REMAINDER OF MAYNES/HUSNI
DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE DURING AND AFTER LUNCH.
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